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The amendments filed on 8/9/04 (originally filed on 3/8/04) has been received and entered into the application. In the amendment filed on 8/9/04, claim 89 has been amended to include the limitations of method for 'selecting the capture array...' (i.e., screening method), which is different from the originally elected and examined method of making an array. And further in the parent case 08/794,851, 'methods of making array' are separated from the 'methods of screening', thus it is improper to bring in the limitations which were restricted in the parent case into the elected and examined 'methods of forming an array.' Applicants are requested to remove the non-elected subject matter from the instantly examined method claims.

The information disclosure statements filed on 4/26/04 and 6/14/04 will be considered in the office action on merits.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this letter is set to expire ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Padmashri Ponnaluri whose telephone number is 571-272-0809. The examiner is on Increased Flex Schedule and can normally be reached on Monday through Friday between 7 AM and 3.30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Wang can be reached on 571-272-0811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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